GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to increase the number of National Institutes of Technology in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of NITs functioning in the country as on date, State-wise, Location-wise;

(d) whether some Directors of NITs have been removed due to their illegal appointments;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the action taken by the Government to initiate enquiry against illegal appointments?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) & (b) : A proposal from the Government of Chhatttisgarh for up-gradation of their existing Raipur Engineering College, Raipur to National Institute of Technology (NIT) is under consideration. A Central Team visited the Institute to examine the feasibility for up-gradation to the level of National Institute of Technology. The feasibility report has since been submitted.

(c) : As on date, 18 NITs are functioning in the Country. These Institutions are located at:- Allahabad

(Uttar Pradesh), Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh), Calicut (Kerala), Durgapur (West Bengal), Hamirpur (Himachal Pradesh), Jaipur

(Rajasthan), Jalandhar (Punjab), Jamshedpur (Jharkhand), Kurukshetra (Haryana), Nagpur (Maharashtra), Patna (Bihar), Rourkela (Orissa), Silchar (Assam), Srinagar (Jammu and Kashmir), Surat (Gujarat), Surathkal (Karnataka), Tiruchirappalli (Tamil Nadu) and Warangal (Andhra Pradesh).

(d) & (e) : The services of 11 Directors of National Institutes of Technology have been terminated as these appointments were made without following the proper procedure. The Director, NIT is to be appointed by the Central Government on contract basis for a maximum period of 5 years. 13 Directors of NITs out of 18 NITs were appointed between the period February 2003 to December 2003. Of the above, Directors of two NITs namely Nagpur and Hamirpur resigned after joining. As per the procedure, the appointment of the Director of NIT can be made only with the prior approval of the Appointment Committee of the Cabinet

(ACC). However, approval of ACC was not obtained before appointing these Directors. When the matter was referred to Department of Personnel & Training, the ACC after examining the cases directed this Department to cancel the appointments and appoint the Senior most Professor of the respective Institute to take over the Institute as In-charge Director. The services of 11 Directors of NITs were terminated accordingly.

(f) : Necessary steps are being taken by the Department of Personnel & Training in this regard.